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1. AT PLEDGING CONFERENCE DECEMBER 2 US REP MAY ANNOUNCE
PLEDGE OF DOLS 24.94 MILLION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1975,
SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL, THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED
BY SECTION 301(C) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT, AND THE
PROVISO THAT US CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT TO EXCEED 70 PER
CENT OF THE TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY GOVERNMENTS TO THE
AGENCY.

2. THIS FIGURE REFLECTS OUR REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE OF
15 PER CENT, OR A TOTAL OF DOLS 26.68 MILLION, FOR OUR
CONTRIBUTION TO THE AGENCY IN FISCAL RPT FISCAL 1976.
UNRWA RECONCILES OUR FISCAL YEAR WITH ITS CALENDAR YEAR
FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES BY CREDITING HALF OF OUR FISCAL
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YEAR CONTRIBUTION TO EACH OF THE APPROPRIATE CALENDAR

YEARS. THUS DOLS 24.94 MILLION IS THE SUM OF HALF OF THE DOLS 23.2 MILLION WE HAVE REQUESTED FOR FY 1975 AND HALF OF THE DOLS 26.68 MILLION WE HOPE TO REQUEST FOR FY 1976.

3. USUN MAY WISH TO NOTE, IN STATEMENT ANNOUNCING PLEDGE, (1) USG APPRECIATES THE DEDICATION AND UNTIRING EFFORTS OF UNRWA CONGEN RENNIE AND STAFF; (2) THE UNPRECEDENTED SERIOUSNESS OF THE FINANCIAL CRISIS UNRWA FACES AND THE CONSEQUENT ACUTE NEED FOR OTHERS TO MAKE NEW, INCREASED, OR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNRWA, AND (3) CONTINUED USG SUPPORT FOR THE SEARCH FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST INCLUDING A JUST SETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM. INGERSOLL

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